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Finance Committee Minutes 03/28/05

ARLINGTON FINANCE COMMITTEE
 MINUTES OF MEETING
 7:30 PM O'NEILL ROOM COMMUNITY SAFETY BUILDING
 3/28/05

ATTENDEES:

McGaffigan*	Fey*	Dunn*	O'Neill*	Mahoney
DeCoursey*	Connors	Simmons*		
Tosti*	Foskett*	Deyst	Ronan	
Piandes*	Franclemont*	Jones*	Olsen*	
DuBois*	Howard*	Fanning		Kneeland*

* Indicates present

VISITORS: Capital Planning Committee Members Charlie Foskett (Chair), John FitzMaurice, Tony Lionetta, Barbara Thornton; Conservation Commission Members Nathaniel Stevens (Chair), Cori Beckwith (Administrator), David White, Bill O'Rourke; Paul Bayer

BUD 17C FIRE DEPT: ComSafe SubCom (O'Neill) Recommended the budget as printed. He reported that staff was at 50 with 1 vacancy. Retirements are likely. Overtime expense is already over budget. If cuts are required, Chief is considering shutting down the ambulance. Extensive discussion of staffing. Moved \$4891763. Amended to reduce force by one crew: 1 Capt, 4 Lt, 8 FF. Tabled pending appearance of Chief on Wed.

ART 47 CAPITAL BUDGET: Using a handout, Capital Planning Committee members presented the Capital Budget. This plan, contingent on override, would cost somewhat more than 5% of pre-override revenues. Extensive discussion of the Park Circle Fire Station plan & department's opposition to the 2003 study.

BUD 13B CONSERVATION COMMISSION: Stevens presented a budget using revised budget book pages (handout) prepared by Comptroller. He discussed the various funds which the ConCom has & agreed to apply almost all of the wetland fees account to offset the budget. VOTED \$23224 to be offset by \$3000 from fees fund. Unanimous.

ART 43 MINUTEMAN TECH: VOTED \$2573834. Unanimous.

RESERVE FUND BALANCE: \$257,500

COMMITTEE: Chair requested SubComs to remind Clerk, Comptroller, Schools, BOS to provide cuts if no override. Wed 3/30 Treasurer, Fire Chief. No mtg week starting Sun 4/12.

Peter B Howard Secretary 3/29/05

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